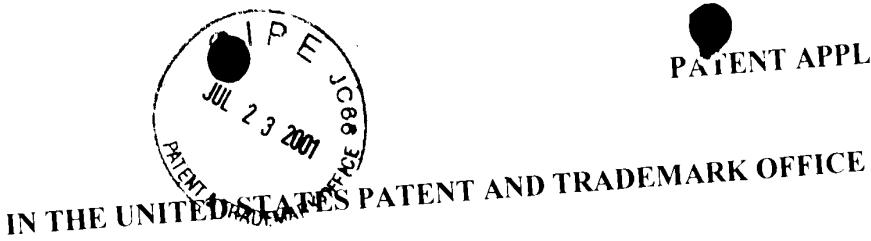


PATENT APPLICATION



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PLANT ESSENTIAL OILS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 1-5 (Group I) and the species of eugenol are elected.

Claims 6-14 are withdrawn from consideration.

The Office Action maintains the restriction and election of species requirement.

Applicants do not traverse the election of species requirement to extent that it is understood that (a) the requirement will be withdrawn upon the finding of an allowable genus; and (b) any species withdrawn from consideration will be transferred to the elected subject matter unless it is found patentably distinct from the elected or allowed claims. It is believed that claims 1-14 are generic to a plurality of species.